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Applicant(s) : Dennis McDevitt et al.  
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PREVENTING MIGRATION OF SUTURES THROUGH  
TRANSOSSEOUS TUNNELS  
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Group Art Unit: 3764

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Applicants hereby cite for the record in this application the documents listed on the attached of Form PTO/SB/08A (4 sheets) (Citations 1-88). These references were previously cited in the parent application (United States Patent Application No. 09/234,022 filed on January 19, 1999). Accordingly, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references are not submitted herewith insofar as they are believed to be in the Examiner's file already.

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1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*
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1252	420	2252	210
1253	950	2253	475
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1402	330	2402	165
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1453	1,330	2453	665
1501	1,330	2501	665
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1503	640	2503	320
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1806	180	1806	180
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	-20** =	
Independent Claims	-3** =	
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1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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